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To Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Victory Ranch River  
Restoration Project

Enclosed for your review and comment is a copy of the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Victory Ranch River Restoration Project in Wasatch County, Utah.

Horizons Unlimited, L.C. (Horizons), is proposing the rehabilitation of a 5 mile section of the Provo River and associated habitat, from the bridge on State Road (SR) 32 East of the Jordanelle Reservoir to 1000 East in Francis, Utah. Horizons owns or controls most of the land along the river with the exception of two small areas locally known as Lemon's Grove and Trout River Ranch.

In the 1940s, Reclamation obtained easements along the Provo River to flood certain land and to construct dikes to contain high flows that came from additional water added to the Provo River from transbasin diversions of the upper Weber and Duchesne Rivers. Reclamation must therefore authorize Horizons' proposed Victory Ranch River Restoration Project. Before such authorization can occur, Reclamation must prepare an environmental assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality's and Department of Interior's regulations implementing NEPA.

Earlier this year, Reclamation conducted a public scoping period preparatory to the development of this draft EA, and all scoping comments received were considered in preparing the draft EA.

You are invited to submit comments on this draft EA. Please send your comments by December 10, 2003, to Beverley Heffernan, PRO-770, Provo Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, UT 84606. All comments received will be considered in preparing the final EA.

Approximately 45 copies of this draft EA have been sent to interested individuals, organizations, and agencies. If you need further information, please contact Beverley Heffernan at 801-379-1161.

Sincerely,

*Signed by Jay Henrie, acting for*

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Enclosure